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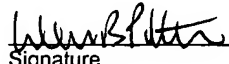
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 27, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 27, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Applicants herewith petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006 for one month from April 27, 2006 to May 27, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0310.P1/WBP the fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time and for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.